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NON PAYMENT OF P.F. AMOUNT FROM VARIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received innumerable complaints regarding non-payment of P.F. amounts to the workmen of various establishments;

(b) if so, the number of workmen and their nominees who have not received the payment after their retirements and deaths;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps the Government has taken for early payment of P.F. and pensions to the concerned workmen?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a): No, Sir. The claims which are complete in all respects are normally settled within 30 days as per scheme provisions. However, delay in certain cases occur on account of non-remittance of contribution/non-submission of returns by the employer, non-submission of completed form by the members and lengthy settlement procedure.

(b) & (c): During the year 2003-04 out of a total of 24,57,176 claims filed by the members/nominees, only 59,357 cases were pending as on 31.3.2004. As there is a continuous flow of claims, there will be cases pending clearance at any given point of time.

(d): All the field offices of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation have been instructed to settle the death cases on top priority. Provident Fund and pension cases are being regularly monitored by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation.